



¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation restraining the abusive venting of Tobacco:



Hereas the Kings most excellent Maiestie being informed of the abuses dayly arising of the vngoverned Selling and Retailing of Tobacco, by his Proclamation lately published, did prohibite all his people, that after the feast of Candlemas, which is now last past, none of them out of certaine Cities and Townes therein specified to haue bene appointed, and within those Cities and Townes no other but certaine persons named, as in the said Proclamation is expressed, and such as from time to time as should be permitted, should sell or deliuer any Tobacco by Retaille, herein requiring due obedience vntill his Maiestie should make other declaration, as by the same Proclamation appeareth.

Sithence which, a great number of his Maiesties louing subjects haue repaired to some Lords, and others of his Maiesties Prīue Counsell, being his Maiesties Commissioners appointed to treat with them, and haue humbly desired Letters Patents of Licence to sell Tobacco by Retaille, whereunto his Maiesties said Commissioners haue consented: but because it is both conuenient and necessary that the number of those that be Licensed to sell Tobacco by Retaille, and also their names bee knowne, that in time conuenient notice may be taken from them how much Tobacco in each yeere they Retaille and Went: that vpon knowledge thereof, his Maiestie for preventing of the issuing out of the Realme too great a proportion of the Stocke of this Kingdome, may giue order for the quantitie of Tobacco that shall be yeerely brought in: And being resolved that any who from henceforth shall presume to vtter or sell Tobacco, not being Licensed, shall seuerely be proceeded against: For these and for other causes, the King our Soueraigne Lord straightly defendeth and Commandeth, that neither such as by pretext of being formerly nominated as meet men to Retaille Tobacco, nor any other from henceforth presume to sell or vtter Tobacco by Retaille, vntill they shall haue obtained his Maiesties Licence in that behalfe, any permission or tolleration that may bee pretended by the sayd Proclamation, or any other signification notwithstanding, vpon such paines of censure in the Court of Star Chamber and elsewhere, as may be inflicted vpon contemners of his Maiesties Commands publicly proclaimed. Wherein his Maiestie is pleased, that a part of the Fines set vpon the contemners of this Command, be conferred vpon those that giue notice of the Offenders, so as they may be brought to iudgement.

Given at Our Court at Newmarket, the thirteenth day of March, in the ninth yeere of Our Reigne.

God saue the King.

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